

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) ~~The A network facsimile system of claim 17~~
comprising:

a plurality of facsimile servers;

a plurality of clients connected to the plurality of facsimile servers over a communication network; and

a supervising server connected to the communication network such that the clients and facsimile servers communicate with each other via the supervising server, the supervising server storing recipient information including telephone numbers of recipient of facsimile data transmission, and the recipient information being able to be referred to by the clients,

wherein each of the recipient information is accompanied by a certain indication ~~such as~~ including a client's name to indicate which client can refer to which recipient information, whereby the recipient information is categorized ~~in to~~ into a first group to which all the clients can refer and a second group to which a particular client or clients can only refer.

19. (Original) The network facsimile system of claim 18, wherein the second group of recipient information is accompanied by a plurality of indications such that the plurality of clients refer to the second group of recipient information respectively.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) ~~The supervising server of claim 20~~ For use in a network facsimile system including a plurality of facsimile servers and clients connected to each other over a communication network, a supervising server connected to the network facsimile system such that the plurality of facsimile

servers and clients communicate with each other via the supervising server, the supervising server being able to store recipient information including telephone numbers of recipient of facsimile data transmission such that the recipient information can be referred to by the clients under a certain constraint,

wherein the recipient information is given a plurality of attribution labels that categorize the recipient information into a first group to which all the clients can refer and a second group to which a particular client or clients can only refer.

22. (Original) The supervising server of claim 21, wherein the second group of recipient information is accompanied by a plurality of attribution labels such that the plurality of clients refer to the second group of recipient information respectively.

23-24. (Canceled)